

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for collecting usage information between buyers and sellers on a network comprising:

5 detecting an ordering action by a buyer;

activating a buyer logic module to perform a buyer desired action, wherein said buyer desired action comprises capturing of order data; and

forwarding said order data to a server.

10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said buyer desired action comprises capturing order data and translating for input into a financial application and the method further comprising translating, at the server, download data for import into a financial application wherein said financial application is a buyer selected financial application.

15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said buyer logic module comprises a plug-in application capable of running in cooperation with a standard browser.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

collecting ordering data for a particular buyer at said aggregator; and

downloading data to said user for a range of dates when requested by said user.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising translating, at the server, download data for import into a financial application wherein said financial application is a buyer selected financial application.

20 6. The method of claim 1 wherein activating the buyer logic module to capture order data comprises saving at least two documents each containing some of the order data and the method further comprising parsing from each of the at least two documents information corresponding to some of the order data to capture the order data.

7. The method of Claim 6 wherein saving at least two documents each containing some of the order data comprises determining whether one of the at least two documents comprises a start page.

25 8. The method of Claim 7 further comprising determining whether one of the at least two documents comprises a stop page.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein determining whether one of the at least two documents comprises a start page comprises determining whether an identifier for one of the at least two documents is substantially the same as a predetermined start page identifier and determining whether

an identifier for one of the at least two documents is substantially the same as a predetermined stop page identifier.

10. The method of Claim 9 wherein determining whether one of the at least two documents comprises a start page comprises determining whether an identifier for one of the at least two documents is substantially the same as a predetermined start page identifier and whether information contained in the one document is substantially the same as predetermined start page information.

11. The method of Claim 6 wherein parsing from each of the at least two documents information corresponding to some of the order data to capture the order data comprises for each of the at least two documents selecting information on the document based upon a predetermined position of the information in the document with respect to other predetermined information to be selected.

10. A method for automated ordering comprising:

from a local computer device connecting via a public network to a procurement site to place an on-line order;
capturing raw data from said procurement site related to information regarding the on-line order, the information corresponding to each item purchased along with the price of that item; and transmitting the raw data to a data converter server.

13. The method of Claim 12 further comprising:

at said data converter, converting data to a format acceptable to a financial application; transferring converted data to said local computer device; and making converted data available to said financial application.

14. The method of claim 12 further comprising:

if said procurement site is not preconfigured to operate with said data converter, first transmitting raw data to said local computer device to then be transmitted to said data converter.

15. The method of Claim 12 wherein capturing raw data from said procurement site comprises capturing at least two documents from the procurement site that comprises the information regarding the on-line order.

16. The method of Claim 12 wherein capturing the at least two documents comprises determining which documents to capture by comparing the uniform resource locators for multiple documents with predetermined uniform resource locators.

30. 17. The method of Claim 12 wherein capturing the at least two documents further comprises comparing information in the documents to predetermined information.

18. A method for automating ordering items from a website comprising:

from a local computer system, connecting via a public network to a shopping site and placing an order;

from a client at said local computer system detecting data indicating an order; requesting user confirmation for automated processing of transaction;

5 determining if a template exists for said shopping site and if yes:

transferring template format to client at said local computer system;

parsing order data into fields using template;

requesting user confirmation that mapping is correct; and

creating an XML document.

10 19. The method of Claim 16 further comprising

creating accounting import file for user's financial application; and

importing data into financial application.